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<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Bijendra K. Shrestha	3691	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Bijendra K. Shrestha.

(3) J.B. Kraft, attorney.

(2) Hani Kazimi.

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Date of Interview: 09 July 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: claim 11 (amended).

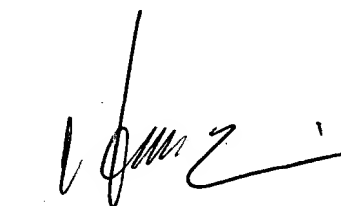
Identification of prior art discussed: \_.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: 1. Mr. Kraft pointed out that although Mederegger discloses assessing the supplier, it does not suggests using the quality level of of any attribute of assessed supplier to generate contract provision.  
2. Mr. Kraft was requested to provide the support of specification for the amended claim 11.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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Examiner's signature, if required